

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Claims 14, 18-22, 40, 43-46, 60, 63-87 are pending in the application, with 14, 40, 63, 70, and 77 being the independent claims. Claims 1-13, 15-17, 23-39, 41, 42, 47-59, 61, and 62 were previously cancelled. Claims 40 and 43-46 were withdrawn from consideration.

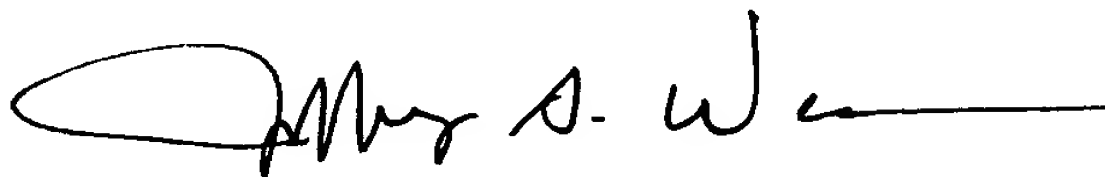
Applicants note that in the "Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 and in the Revised Format of the Pre-OG Notice Dated January 31, 2003" filed at the USPTO in the present application on June 18, 2003, Applicants mistakenly showed amendments to claims 15-17, even though claims 15-17 had been previously canceled. Thus, Applicants withdraw these amendments made to canceled claims 15-17, and assert that no estoppel should therefore result. Applicants thus respectfully request that prosecution of the present application proceed with claims 15-17 canceled, and proceed as if the amendments to claims 15-17 in the above-mentioned Amendment filed on June 18, 2003 were not presented.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will

expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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